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Emergencies will be missed

Senator Lipman leaves a legacy for all of New Jersey

By Carl Chase
and Jean H. Pierre

NEWARK—For years, she was the most powerful woman in the state, but her kindness was equally well-known. And the passing of Senator Wynona Moore Lipman, an historic Clement Price observed, marks the closure of the "first full generation of black political leaders that emerged in the early days of the Black Power movement."

Many around the country admired the state's first female senator. The Georgia-born "Steel Magnolia" who created model programs to help minorities, women and children against still opposition.

Far beyond her 29th Legisla-

tive District, in Essex and Union counties, her loss took a toll on hundreds of thousands of souls. The same people who admired her strength and capacity to care for others since joining the Senate in 1971, and in between winning seven elections in a row.

Assemblyman William Payne, a frequent co-sponsor of Lipman's Senate legislation, said during a session of the General Assembly, "We will miss this great lady of exceptional class and intellect who never lost her gracious Southern charm," before a standing, silent tribute by the governing body.

"She was such a sweet lady with so much warmth and compassion," said Herman Butler, a lifelong Newark resident who met Lipman at a fund-raiser years ago.

"She reminds me of my mom."

U.S. Rep. Bob Menendez said, "She paved the way for women and minorities, and she touched all of us with her gentle manner."

To fulfill her mission, she could also be tough. "I admired Sen. Lipman for her ability to get so much accomplished in the rough-and-tumble of local politics," Rep. Donald Payne said of the Fulbright Scholar, who held a Ph.D. from Columbia University.

And all over the state, thousands regarded Lipman as "their own" senator. Whether substance abuse, affordable housing, welfare, child care, domestic violence or wherever problems troubled her community, people called from all over New Jersey with their problems, Lipman friend

Rev. Willie Simmons said. Lipman introduced or carried many key laws and initiatives, including the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1981 and 1991, bills establishing a mentoring program for at-risk youth, and

"If it was important, I'd give it to Wynona Lipman and she always got it done."

Assemblyman Craig Stanley

the Amistad Commission to incorporate African-American history into school curricula. For well over two decades,

Senator Lipman also taught at Essex County College and gave weekly seminars to help small and minority- or women-owned businesses.

An opponent of New Jersey's so-called welfare reform bill that was to eliminate all additional benefits for children born to welfare recipient mothers, she successfully fought to make sure those children would be eligible for Medicaid and food stamps.

"She took the position that welfare recipients are not the lazy, shiftless people others painted them to be, but people who got caught up in something beyond their control," Rev. Simmons said.

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Senator Wynona Lipman

Harold Jackson's Talented Teens

By Lucy Sanchez

LINDEN — Nearly thirty years ago, the legendary radio and television personality Harold "Hal" Jackson founded "The Talented Teens International" competition in 1971 to give young African-American girls an opportunity to glorify their talents, pass on inspiration and

lence." After modeling in youthful evening gowns, the teens flowered the stage with their pastel shades of light blue, pink, yellow and green as they anxiously awaited to hear who would be Harold Jackson's Talented Teen of 1999.

Stirring up the excitement, last year's reigning queen of Union County Nikiya Mathis shared her action-packed year with the ladies in an emotional moment. The 17-year-old went on to win the state and International title for 1998. Mathis's winning original piece was a tribute to Paul Robeson, whom she cites as her inspiration. In a moving performance this rising thespian is bound to take Broadway by storm.

Mathis concluded this year's winner, even after an exciting year which she won a \$5,000 scholarship, dined at the Soul Cafe with actor Malik Yoba, performed on the stage of Harlem's infamous Apollo Theater and went on a five-day trip to London, England.

The award winning moment was finally here, fourth runner-up was Dreana Whitfield, tying for third runner-up was Sayoka Lewis and Rolanda Oliver, 2nd runner-up was Christine Drake, first runner-up was Chanel Downing and the new Miss Union County was Ms. Jamillah Jackson of Roselle. The 14-year-old Couped up and down a disbeliever and cried for joy when she heard her name. After winning the



1998 International winner Nikiya Mathis

most improved contestant for the year of 1999, Jackson was simply ecstatic as Mathis crowned her. Jackson said it all seemed like a dream at first and she couldn't believe it was true. Jackson was suffering from a sprained ankle that happened the day before the actual contest. The Hillside resident said that the spiritual song she did her choreographed routine to inspired her to endure the pain and do her best. "When you're weak, God is strong," exclaimed Jackson.

Capturing the Middlesex County crown was Latisha Monk. She was all smiles as she took her victory walk on stage. The seemingly bashful New Brunswick resident was persuaded to enter the contest by



1999 Ms. Middlesex County winner Latisha Monk

(L-R) Dreana Whitfield, Rolanda Oliver, Chanel Downing, Jamillah Jackson, Lori Warren, Nikiya Mathis, Latisha Monk, Sayoka Lewis and Christine Drake will begin rehearsing for her next competition. Good luck ladies!

Plainfield, Neptune schools set to become Abbott districts again

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Plainfield and Neptune's public school students are finally in line for "special needs" status and the enhanced funding that comes with it. It is to be paid over three years.

State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco was scheduled (as of press time) to sign the funding bill Gov. Christine Whitman had opposed for years before signaling she would sign it.

The measure returns the two districts to the "Abbott" category, now a group of 30 urban districts, after two years. It helps them qualify for better building aid and greater funding for early childhood education as well.

The bill carries \$14 million in additional school aid for educational reforms including preschool, full-day kindergarten, additional teachers and new computers.

Whitman, solidly opposed to higher funding for special needs districts, was to travel outside

the state, leaving DiFrancesco a chance to sign it as the deputy governor. Assisted by Assemblyman Jerry Green, a co-sponsor, the senator was to sign it in a public ceremony at Hubbard Middle School on Monday morning, May 17.

It adds both systems to the 28 special-needs districts recognized by the state Supreme Court, and adds \$12 million for Plainfield and \$15 million for Neptune over three years.

Plainfield and Neptune, with 11,800 public school students, are among New Jersey's 30 poorest districts. They were included in the 1990 Quality Education Act and defined as special needs districts because of high poverty and its impact on learning. Whitman's 1996 funding law removed the two districts from the Abbott group.

Plainfield and all the characteristics defined by the Supreme Court in its Abbott decisions: urban areas, poverty, high proportion of black and largely minority populations.

Most of Plainfield's 7,300

students are relatively poor, with more than three out of five receiving free lunch, and its dwindling tax base, keeps it among the top 10 distressed communities in the state.

The Plainfield school system had been classified as an Abbott district in 1990, with shortages of class space and learning technology. It can accommodate only a fraction of the 750 students who would qualify for early childhood education, and school officials want to end "social promotion" and invest community academically unprepared for the next grade instead.

Superintendent Larry Leverett said the re-designation of Abbott status is "a necessary but not sufficient response to what Plainfield must do to prepare its kids to meet or exceed standards. The money helps, but the money is not the complete answer."

"The challenge before us is to use the dollars wisely, and secondly, to invest community resources, human capital, in support of our children. Many of



Superintendent Larry Leverett says money is not the solution to the Plainfield Public Schools' woes, but is sorely needed

our children need mentors, many need advocates, many need people who check on their educational development and to inspect what goes on in schools on a regular basis."

In Neptune, more than two out of five children are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Neptune is next to the Abbott special needs district in Ashbury Park, noted Assemblyman Tom Smith co-sponsor of the bill.

Neptune Superintendent Michael Lakes said that, secondly, to invest community resources, human capital, in support of our children. Many of

Crossroads wins a Tony

NEW BRUNSWICK —

Crossroads Theater Company is the recipient of one of the nation's most prestigious awards for excellence in the theater, the American Theatre Wing's Tony Award.

Based on a recommendation from the American Theatre Critics Association, a Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre will be given to the New Brunswick theater, one of the best-known attractions for New Jersey's culture and drama lovers and African-American visitors to the state.

The 1999 Tony Award will be given to the company on June 6 at the Gershwine Theatre and broadcast live on CBS and PBS. Accepting the award will be Artistic Director and CEO Ricardo Khan, a co-founder (with Kenneth L. Richardson) of the theater company.

"I would have never dreamed that this would happen when we started the company," Khan said of the honor. "To come home with four nominations and one award is awesome."

State Democratic Committee leader steps down

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

New Jersey Democratic Committee Executive Director Rick Thigpen will step down in favor of a top post at a Trenton lobbying and consulting firm, he announced last week.

As well as the first African American in his current post, the Ivy League-educated son of Easy Orange County Phil Thigpen, will become the only black partner in a Trenton lobbying firm when he joins the Strategy Group on June 1, he said.

One of the newer firms in Trenton's lucrative lobbying industry, Strategy is currently headed by Republicans. They are Bob Stiers, former Assembly Speaker's Leadership Group campaign manager Patrick Torpey, and longtime Thigpen friend Tom Wilson, with whom Thigpen finally agreed to a job offer earlier this spring.

Among Trenton's newer consulting firms, the firm will gain a nonpartisan appeal with Thigpen's appointment. "We're going to be able to represent a client base in both parties; that's what this is all about."

While there is at least one black-owned lobbying firm, "There's a shortage of African-American presence in Trenton lobbying," a key consideration for his own career decision, he said. "It's important for people to know that there's a consultant who understands their situation, who can translate their needs into the language that will help them to get where they need to go."

Thigpen looks forward to representing small businesses in Trenton as well as county courthouses and city halls. "It's even more important to us than to the majority community, and it's very important to me because that's where most jobs are created. It's important to us because that's where we can build opportunities. It's really where the action is."

"I have a lot of experience with urban politics as well as organizing. I think the mix with the Republicans would be very good for people in all the cities, people who need to have their interests represented in Trenton as well as in their local communities."

A lawyer by profession, he will act primarily as a consultant as well, he said.

Thigpen, among Rep. Donald Payne's proteges, was Payne's district director for six years. "My experience with Congressman Payne was the single most important factor in my success," he said. "It's indispensable."

Executive director since May 1996, Thigpen said Payne and other black officials had to push hard to place black director at the top of the state Democratic Committee. "You know the old saying, that power concedes nothing without a struggle."

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Nation Briefs

CHINESE STUDENTS PROTEST IN SEOUL

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — About 150 students from China protested in Seoul, singing songs and waving Chinese flags, in protest of the NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade.

The rally took place in a residential area about 300 meters (yards) from the U.S. Embassy in central Seoul. Students tried to break into the embassy but South Korean police blocked them. No clashes were reported.

The embassy's operations remained normal. NATO is the North American Treaty Organization's one of the largest. The students also carried red and yellow Chinese flags and photographs of two Chinese killed in the bombing.

Three Chinese journalists were killed, and 20 other people were injured in the bombing, which NATO has attributed to an intelligence error.

EEOC LAWSUIT: NOOSE PUT AROUND NECK OF BLACK TREE WORKER

MIAMI (AP) — A black man was regularly the target of racial jokes by one person at the tree-trimming company he worked for, and even had a noose placed around his neck, according to a federal lawsuit filed by the company.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Wednesday sued the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. in U.S. District Court in Gainesville for racial harassment of Robert B. Lewis. According to the lawsuit, the company's supervisor, Lewis "created an intimidating, hostile and offensive work environment."

Lewis was fired after complaining to management about the harassment.

WHITE HOUSE WEB SITE SHUT DOWN TEMPORARILY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House Web site was taken off line after hackers reportedly targeted by the NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, broke into the system. White House spokesman Barry Tormohlen said the site was shut down Monday night for at least 24 hours after an attempt was made "to break into the system that operates the White House Web page."

NBC News reported that the hackers were based in Hong Kong and that they left behind cyber graffiti copies of the ongoing NATO operation in Kosovo.

White House computers were detected, Tormohlen said, officials monitoring the Web site, decided to shut it down for review.

FORMER LION OWNS AMERICA'S BIGGEST BLACK BUSINESS

NEW YORK (AP) — A car dealership empire headed by former football star Mel Farr has defuncted TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc. as the nation's largest black-owned business.

The rankings were released by Black Enterprise magazine. Mel Farr Automotive Group, with sales of \$595.6 million last year, became the first auto dealership to claim the title in the 27 years the magazine has measured the performance of black-owned companies.

Farr, who fathered an auto dealership, shifted from the Detroit Lions backfield into the auto business and promoted his showrooms over the years by appearing in commercials as the caped Mel Farr Superstar. His business is based in Oak Park, Mich.

SOUTH AFRICAN JUDGE CONFESSES TO BEING HIV POSITIVE

JOHANNESBURG (NNPA) — High Court Judge Edwin Moyo, who is also South Africa's human and gay rights activist, recently announced that he is living with HIV. He is the first prominent person to do so in a country with one of the world's fastest growing epidemics.

"The choice to speak is open to me, because I have a job, position that is secure, surrounded by loved ones and access to health care," said Cameron who has long declared openly declared his homosexuality.

"For millions of South Africans living with HIV or AIDS, these conditions do not exist," he said. In one of eight South Africans is living with HIV, a figure which translates into 3.6 million of the country's 40.5 million people. The virus is spreading at a rate of 1,500 new infections every day.

Appeals court hears asylum petition of African woman

By Verena Dobnik

NEW YORK (AP) — In Ghana, Adelaide Abankwah did one thing wrong. She lost her virginity.

Then, refusing to be brutally mutilated, she fled to the United States and asked for political asylum. She was refused.

For the past two years, the 29-year-old African woman has been held in a detention cell near Kennedy Airport.

"She says that growing up, she heard America is the best place to be in it's where they help people if they're in trouble," said her lawyer, Jonathan Rauchway.

Last week, an appeals court heard her political asylum case based on her fear of returning to Ghana and being harmed.

Before a three-judge panel of the

Abu-Jamal asks for U.S. Supreme Court review

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal is asking the Supreme Court to review his 1982 conviction in a Philadelphia police officer's killing.

Abu-Jamal claims his constitutional rights were violated because he was not permitted to represent himself, and because when he protested, he was removed from the courtroom for most of the trial.

"We're arguing due process violations, that in effect, he was denied a fair trial," said Rachel Wolkenstein, one of Abu-Jamal's lawyers.

The appeals stem from a decision last October by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to deny Abu-Jamal's motion for a new trial. The appeal was filed last month. Abu-Jamal's supporters announced the filing Tuesday.

The former radio reporter was convicted of the 1981 shooting of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. The officer was shot after stopping Abu-Jamal's brother for driving the wrong way down a Philadelphia street. Abu-Jamal was arrested at the scene.

Abu-Jamal's jailhouse writings about the justice system have made him a celebrity around the world. On April 24, thousands of his supporters gathered in Philadelphia to demand a new trial.

If the Supreme Court rejects this latest appeal, Abu-Jamal may appeal to the federal courts in Pennsylvania. If the federal courts do not find in Abu-Jamal's favor, he can go back to the U.S. Supreme Court one more time.

Abu-Jamal has contended that his conviction sprang from a biased judge and an ineffective counsel, which have become focal points for death penalty critics.

Supporters say Abu-Jamal, who has never given his version of events, is a political prisoner and victim of persecution. He was framed in the slaying, they say, because of his activities as a black activist.

Hunger strike frees Cuban detainees

By Sandra Walewski

MIAMI (AP) — Five Cuban men who served time in American prisons were released by INS officials after a review of their cases, which came on the heels of a seven-week hunger strike by family members.

Three of the detainees — Ariel Madrid, Jose Notario-Diaz and Michel Alfonso-Llaurado — were released from the Krome Detention Center west of Miami, where the hunger strikers had set up camp.

There were tears, hugs and kisses as the men were escorted to waiting family members, who took shelter under an overhang during a downpour.

The news was disheartening for the family of Dagoberto Monrabal, who was not released because INS officials, Marta Berros fainted when she learned that her son, Monrabal, will remain at the Krome center and is eligible for review again in six months.

"They did this to me because I started the hunger strike," a distraught Mrs. Berros said, referring to assurances that her son would be freed. "Everyone betrayed me — the Archdiocese (of Miami) and the officials."

The six parents ended the 47-day hunger strike, which drew attention to the detainees' political and U.S. immigration policies, after officials assured them the cases would be formally reviewed.

U.S. Second Circuit appeals court, government attorney Mendelsohn raised the core issues: Are Mrs. Abankwah's fears objective, and can she prove it?

"Her fear is well-founded," insists Rauchway, whose client says she's likely to be ritually circumcised if she returns to Ghana.

When she arrived at Kennedy two years ago, she told immigration officials that she feared her village leaders. She had lost her virginity in violation of tribal customs and said she would be mutilated — or even killed — if she returned.

She was first denied asylum in October 1997. An immigration judge found her fear credible but said that there was a law in Ghana against mutilation and that this was an individual predicament.

Some prominent figures have publicly disagreed, including Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., feminist Gloria Steinem and actress Julia Roberts.

On Monday, the appeals judges heard arguments from both her attorney and a lawyer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Rauchway, who represents her, said she has testified about what is likely to happen to her, citing three women in Ghana known to have had their genitals cut after losing their virginity.

"She's exactly what would happen to her if she's returned," Rauchway said.

A U.S. State Department report says up to 30 percent of Ghanaian

just the grace that comes naturally to Southern women," states a press release from Christy Davis, a former aide. "This grace accomplished for Senator Lipman what a sense of entitlement accomplished for a person born to privilege. Her grace, was a sign of her righteousness within herself, with God, and with the world as she chose to see it."

Lipman, the longest-serving member of the Senate after 28 years, was by all accounts one to depend on.

"She pushed a lot of my legislation in the Senate," Assemblyman Craig Stanley said at her memorial viewing, where flower bouquets overflowed the alcove where visitors crowded in to pay their respects the night before the funeral.

"If it was important, I'd give it to Wynona Lipman and she always got it done," Stanley said. He indicated for example the historic St. James AME Church next door to Newark's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

"When the Historical Society wanted to give St. James Church a \$500,000 loan for a historic restoration the summer before last, she got it through the Senate in record time," Stanley said.

The senator was always sharply focused on "the needs of members of her brand and malfeasant constituency." Price said after the viewing at Wygham Funeral Home.

"One of the reasons that many people are especially saddened by her passing

women have been mutilated. Ms. Abankwah was especially likely to be punished because she is her tribe's first female figurehead, the queen mother, a role inherited from her mother, her attorney said.

However, Ms. Kodler, the government's attorney, said her testimony about the reasons for her fears was not detailed enough.

"She did the best she could," Rauchway said last week.

He said his client comes from a tribe of about 400 people in rural Ghana. She's very unpolished: she's from a rural village," he said.

She flew from Ghana alone and for the first time after being pursued by fellow villagers to the capital city, Accra.

friend got her a passport and ticket. Her only contact in the United States was a woman whose telephone number she carried until immigration officials confiscated it.

From Kennedy Airport, she was taken to the Wackenhut Detention Center in Queens, an IRS facility where she's still being detained.

"She went straight from the airport to jail. That's all she ever saw of the United States," said Rauchway. "I've shown her postcards of New York, the Brooklyn Bridge, the skyline. And she'd really like to see this city."

Ms. Abankwah now awaits the judges' decision, which could take several months. Meanwhile, she has been treated for various medical conditions.

Era ends with her life and brilliant career

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"It was always there listening to complaints, getting information and actively working to help people," recalled Simmons, a former Lipman legislative aide and chairman of the Black Issues Convention's Welfare Reform Task Force.

She lifted many a head and gave them the courage to move forward, by letting them know they weren't fighting the battle alone," he said.

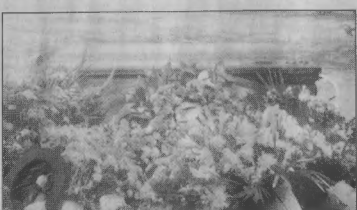
"She was the most helpful and the most sincere and the most giving of any elected official we (the New Jersey Association of Black Educators) ever tried to work with," said former association president, said NAACP leader James Harris, a Montclair State University dean.

"She would not only share information with us about important things," he said. "But from time to time she'd call and find out what our perspective on a piece of legislation would be."

After battling complications of cancer, Lipman died at her home in Newark on Mother's Day. She was a mother of one daughter since her son Will's heart-wrenching death of cancer in 1984.

The first time I heard Senator Lipman speak, I was captivated by her quiet, but powerful presence while her Georgian accent comforted me," said Shirley Ward, a long-time friend and supporter.

Senator Lipman's friend was not



A massive outpouring of love engulfs Senator Lipman's casket

ing is that she held aloft Black Power in a dignified way that helped to make it palatable to a cross section of people. Black Power as represented by Senator Lipman was never threatening, was never vulgar, and was never insulting to other groups."

This was crystal-clear at the 67-year-old senator's May 13 funeral, attended by political, religious and civic leaders of likely every color and creed. "Her life was dedicated to public service and helping those less fortunate get to the top," Gov. Brendan Byrne told the crowd in the St. James Church.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation holds a seminar on how to start business at the NJ Law Center, 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

EAST ORANGE — The Black United Fund will host a seminar on the power of money called "The Rules of Wealth" (Call 973) 676-5282 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Small Business Administration will host Small Business Week, a week full of seminars and workshops for small businesses in the U. S. at the Renaissance Washington Hotel, Call (202) 206-6433 for more information.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

LONG ISLAND, NY — The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors holds a course on financial strategies at the NYC School Construction Authority, 9 a.m. (212) 435-6505.

NEW YORK — The New York State Society of CPAs/Foundation for Accounting Education hosts its 1999 CPA's Finance, Business and Technology Show and Conference at the Hudson Yards Center, Call (212) 719-6383 for time and information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation presents 7th Annual Networking Cruise, Call (908) 527-1128 for time and location.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

NEW YORK — The Minority Business Enterprises Legal Defense & Education Fund will hold a seminar on "Strategic Disadvantage Business Certification & Eligibility" Call (800) 357-9369.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

TRENTON — The Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey will host "Equal Employment Opportunity 2000: a training seminar and workshop on the hottest jobs and company practices in the workforce. The event will take place at the Messier Temple beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 239-1157.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

LONG ISLAND, NY — The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors offers a course "marketing for the millennium" at NYC School Construction Authority, 9 a.m. (212) 435-6506.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

TEANECK — The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and The New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council presents "1999 Marketing & Business Plan" at the Marriott at Glenpointe Hotel, Through June 10, Call (212) 582-2334.

Montclair businessman cited for working to help NJ minority businesses

NEWARK—Ronald W. Brown, vice president of Reed-Brown Consulting Group of Montclair, has been named the recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 1999 New Jersey Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year Award.

In making the announcement, Francisco A. Marroero, SBA district director for New Jersey, said Brown was selected for the award based on his efforts to advance and improve conditions for minority small businesses.

Honored at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce conference in East Brunswick last week, he thanked his family, friends and clients for supporting him. Then he offered "thanks for faith," and quoted the Holy Bible's

Book of Malachi 3:10: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing," and "I think this award is a blessing."

Brown, nominated by the New University Small Business Development Center nominated Brown, donated his personal time to advocating on behalf of minority small businesses. Marroero said, "Through his work as chairman of the Minority Business Brain Trust of New Jersey, a network of established minority business executives dedicated to mentoring minority businesses, he has created an environment where minority business owners can succeed."

Brown was honored with six other



Minority Business Brain Trust Chair Ronald Brown, right, talks to Bell Atlantic member Maurice Brown at a recent event honoring 100 New Jerseys.

New Jerseys on May 13 at the Annual New Jersey Small Business Week Awards Luncheon, part of

National Small Business Week (May 23-29) events at the Hilton in East Brunswick.

Black-owned bottling company celebrates a major milestone



On hand to help African-American entrepreneur Bruce Llewellyn, center, celebrate fifteen successful years as Coca-Cola chairman-CEO Doug Ivester and retired Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell.

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company recently marked 15 years of ownership under dynamic entrepreneur J. Bruce Llewellyn with a celebration at the company's Philadelphia headquarters.

Under Llewellyn, who purchased the company in 1985 from the Coca-Cola Company, Philadelphia Coca-Cola's annual gross sales climbed to \$353 million, up from \$100 million in 1985. Over the same period, minority management at the company increased to 25 percent, up from five percent, and the percentage of total minority employees increased to 22 percent, up from 41 percent. In addition, the company now ranks as the fifth-largest Coca-Cola bottler in the country, with 28 million cases sold in

1998, up from 11 million in 1985. The company also is the third largest black-owned business in the United States, as ranked by New York based Black Enterprise magazine.

Joining Chairman-CEO Llewellyn to celebrate the occasion were high ranking officials from the bottler's parent company and other notables.

With manufacturing, distribution and sales facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company serves southeastern Pennsylvania, portions of central and southern New Jersey and Delaware. The company's beverage brands include Coca, Diet Coca, Coca-Cola Classic, Sprite, Cherry Coke, Frustration and Minute Maid juices.

Don't fall victim to fast-money scams

By Dr. Karen Enkle, MD

You work hard for your money. The last thing you want is to lose your money to investment fraud. Unfortunately, thousands of people fall victim every year to swindlers promising a variety of money-making opportunities in get-rich-quick schemes. The truth is generally rather late and millions of dollars are lost.

Swindlers prey upon those needing supplemental income through work-at-home scams, pyramid schemes, and a variety of other business opportunities and franchises. State securities regulators and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are constantly warning people about offers that promise a quick and certain road to financial security.

Con artists actively operate through trade shows, telephone solicitations, television, radio, print advertisements, and the Internet. Victims are lured by promises that the window of opportunity will soon close, a quick decision is necessary, and a payment is urgently needed.

Pledges of exclusive territories and money-back guarantees are often attached to "get-rich-quick" self-employment scams. The con artists promise the victim marketing assistance and an income guaranteed to exceed the purchase price of the franchise, merchandise, equipment or software.

According to the North American

Securities Administrators Association, the eager victim leaves the truth after investing in the sure-fire deal. The investor learns that any training they've received is useless, the equipment or software necessary to conduct their new business does not work, secure leads produce no business, no 24 hour hot-line exists to answer their questions, and guarantees are worthless. "Downsized" workers with large severance packages are prime targets. A franchise or business opportunity may sound appealing but significant amounts of money could be lost. Before investing in any business venture or security, take the following steps:

1. Check out the company with the state securities agency or attorney general's office not only in the state where you live, but also in the state where the company is headquartered.

2. Ask current owners or employees about their experiences with the company.

3. Get all promises in writing. Any promises short of written into the signed contract.

4. Investigate all earnings claims. Talk to others who have purchased the opportunity to see if their experience verifies the claims.

This article was contributed by the North American Precis Syndicate.

Million-dollar advice for making money in Motherland

By James Hart

SAN FRANCISCO—Imagine a continent severely impacted by disease, tribal warfare and famine. Would you ever invest in such a place? No! Think again. Because famine opportunities await savvy investors who can see the potential in Africa.

Wall Street bankers, geologists, Fortune 500 companies, and real estate developers are flocking to Africa in droves.

Also, multi-national corporations and investment fund managers are quietly pouring billions of dollars into Africa. Here are a few reasons why:

"Africa's" wars are winding down; its dictators are being replaced with multi-party systems and its entrepreneurs are being nourished... Very quickly, Africa, over the past few years has developed more than 25 stock markets - several of which offer delicious opportunities. Said International Hedge Fund Manager, James Riggs:

Many African stock markets are producing double-digit returns for investors.

For example, President Sam Nujoma of Namibia recently engineered a merger between Diamond Fields (among the world's most valuable mineral fields) and Inco Ltd., for \$3.2 billion.

Had you invested \$10,000 or \$25,000 into Diamond Fields, you would have made \$417,073 and \$834,146 respectively. What's more, Africa has the most undervalued stock markets in the world; it has companies trading at only three-to-four times earnings. In short, a platter full of juicy, succulent opportunities to make big money await serious investors.

Conversely, many stocks throughout the United States and Europe, are currently trading at an alarming 30-to-80 times earnings.

The majority of every strategic, precious, and industrial metal imaginable can be found in Africa. Consequently, a mining boom and new real estate developments are underway. In fact, Ghana, which offers the best treatment and economic incentives to investors everywhere, this several billion dollars of foreign capital has poured into the nation for gold mining ventures alone.

Communist regimes such as Angola and Guinea, are quickly filling their cabinets full of free market thinkers. These new regimes are determined to build thriving free market economies. Although making big money by investing in Africa is among the best kept secrets on Wall Street — before you rush in, remember some basics:

1. Look for African nations with no exchange or import controls on currency. Seek out nations with budding new infrastructures, tax incentives for investors, a respectable growth rate, and free open markets.

2. Invest in essential industries such as banking, energy, telecommunications, agriculture, transportation, and construction. When possible, consider buying stock in multi-national corporations investing heavily into Africa.

3. Diversify into large cap stocks with liquidity.

4. Start small and proceed cautiously - extreme risks are never necessary. Otherwise, to quietly benefit from Wall Street's best kept secret "Africa, the new and last great investment frontier," call CEF at (212) 473-0202.

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Local Briefs

Whitman applauds Senate confirmation of Peter Verniero

TRENTON — New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman applauded the state Senate vote to confirm Peter Verniero to Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. "The Senate's confirmation of Peter Verniero will ensure that the court continues to function as one of the greatest courts in the nation. Notwithstanding the bitter debate that seems to have defined far too much of the discussion on this nomination, I have full confidence that Peter Verniero will be a unifying force for justice in New Jersey," stated Whitman.

Commemorative march for Malcolm X

NEWARK — The People's Organization for Progress and members of other groups have scheduled a "Demonstration for Justice," and commemorative program in honor of human rights activist Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik El Shabazz). The activities will take place in Newark on Wednesday, May 19, the anniversary of his birthday.

We believe one of the most appropriate ways to honor Malcolm X is to actively engage in the struggle for justice. The demonstration is being held to demand justice for Earl Faison, Amadou Diallo, Abner Louima, and all victims of police brutality and racial profiling," POP chairman Lawrence Hamm said. Picketing will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will take place on Broad Street.

NAACP is offering scholarships to high school graduates

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Branch NAACP is presently accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors. The Branch, in conjunction with several local corporations, will be awarding several scholarships to graduating high school seniors on October 16, 1999 at its annual Freedom Fund Award Banquet. Awards will range from \$200 to \$1,000. Applications can be obtained at the principals office at all local high schools — public and private. In addition, applications are available at the branch office located at 55 West Grand Street, Elizabeth. Deadline for submission is July 31, 1999. (908/965-1009).

Educators invest in the future NJ children

SOMERSET — The NJSEA Urban Education Spring Conference offers the opportunity for educators and parents to motivate, educate and invest in the future of New Jersey's children. On Saturday, May 22, 1999 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset, practitioners will learn how the whole school reform models are operating in over 10 local schools. Each rural, local district education will share through volumes of initiatives, research and pilot projects to identify strategies, programs and services that will consistently deliver positive student and staff outcomes. NJSEA's Urban Education Spring Conference offers attendees the opportunity to network and gather information on programs from experienced presenters. It also provides up-to-date information on state level urban initiatives.

Guy R. Moorehead, first black elected to state assembly died

UNION (AP) — Guy R. Moorehead, the first black elected to the state Assembly, died after suffering complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was 88. Moorehead, who served a one-year Assembly term in 1937, was elected Democrat serving as acting governor, died Saturday at Union Hospital.

The Democrat from East Orange was "a trailblazer that cracked racial barriers for African-Americans like myself to later be elected as officeholders," said state Assemblyman Leroy Jones, Jr. Moorehead "was one of a great debt of gratitude."

Moorehead cracked racial barriers at his college as well, becoming the first black All-American football player from his college, Upsala, in the 1930s. He was inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame.

Moorehead served on several East Orange municipal boards decades before he became ill in 1991.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a sister and five grandchildren.

Mass arrests of deadbeat parents may not be accomplishing much

NEWARK (AP) — Much-publicized mass arrests of deadbeat parents may not be doing that much to reduce the amount of child support those parents owe. Critics consider the sweeps to be a waste of time and money, and say there are more effective ways to get deadbeat parents to pay their child support, stated a local paper.

The newspaper examined the cases of 305 of 886 people arrested last May in deadbeat parent sweeps. Of those 305,

265 were still behind on their payments. Of those 265, 151 have fallen further in arrears, with their debts growing by an average of \$3,948 since their arrests. Overall, those 886 people only paid \$296,469 of \$4.8 million they owed in child support within three days of being arrested.

"Arresting people doesn't do any good," said Henry Hoop, who was

involved in a sweep 10 years ago while living in Perth Amboy and who still owes some money according to state records. Expert says other initiatives, such as withholding money from paychecks, are more effective. "I think the sweeps will become less prominent because of all the work we're doing to get the money up front," said Alitha Griffin, director of the New Jersey Office of Child Support.

Other initiatives include suspending driver's and professional licenses, requiring genetic testing to prove paternity, and withholding wages paid in

other states. About \$608 million of the \$621 million of child support collected in New Jersey last year was produced by such measures, not through arrest warrants. "We don't need to find the absent parent so much as we need to find his money," said Jacqueline Tenenza, spokeswoman for the State Department of Human Services. But proponents of the sweeps say the mass arrests are helping, because they get focus on the worst of the dead-

beat offenders, and the publicity could influence other parents into making payments. "Even if the numbers are modest, that does not mean this is not worth it," said Michael Kharrfen, spokesman for the federal department of Health and Human Services. "It's hard to quantify, but there are people who read about these roundups and say, 'I don't want to end up in that position,' and they start making their payments."

Orange residents march for justice

ORANGE — Hundreds of concerned citizens and grieving family members marched for the justice of Orange resident, Earl Faison as well as other victims of police brutality on May 19.

Faison died while in police custody on April 11 in front of police headquarters. He was one of the three men arrested during the search for the murderer of Officer Joyce Carnegie. His cause of death is still under investigation.

The People's Organization for Progress (POP) have been on the forefront of the battlefield when it comes to police brutality in New Jersey.

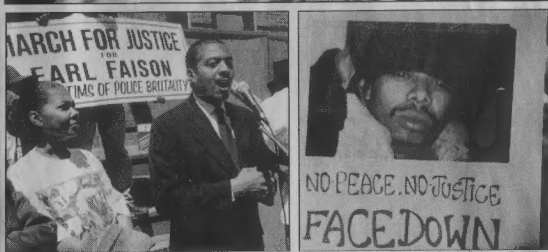
Lawrence Hamm of the POP has orchestrated candlelight vigils, rallies, and informational sessions to resolve issues such as racial profiling and brutality.

Hamm met with marchers and family members in front of the Orange Police Department to give instructions and consultation for the march; fully aware that there were officers located on the roofs of buildings intently watching everyone.

The Orange community started protesting from the police department to the Board of Education. This is one of a series of events the POP has planned.



Marchers give the black power salute and a moment of silence for Officer Joyce Carnegie at the intersection of Freeway Drive West where she was murdered (top). Missi Wilkins, Faison's fiancée holds their one-year-old daughter with a protest sign during the march (top right). Lawrence Hamm gives marching orders in front of Orange Police Dept., with family members standing along side of him (left). Photo of Earl Faison on a protest sign (right).



Photos by William Frazier

Police monitor minority motorists

TRENTON (AP) — In their efforts to crack down on illegal drug trafficking on the New Jersey Turnpike, state troopers were advised to pay close attention to minority motorists they pulled over, according to a 1989 report.

The confidential report obtained by The Times of Trenton was commissioned by former state police Superintendent Clinton Pagano, who told the newspaper that he did not condone the practice of racial profiling — pulling over motorists simply because they are minorities.

The report was written in response to a 1989 newscast by WOR-TV in which troopers were accused of racial profiling. The report cited statistics showing troopers arrested more black drivers than white ones.

Pagano's report said the higher arrests did not stem from racial bias, but from "criminal phenomena" in which minorities were more often caught traveling with drugs and weapons.

"Selective targeting" of any kind is not part of any basic and in-service training, the report says. "The training focuses on events after the motor vehicle stops."

If troopers discovered after pulling over a vehicle that the driver was a black person with a Jamaican accent, for example, they should keep their eyes on the driver or guns, Pagano said. The trooper was expected to be equally vigilant if the driver was white and driving home from the airport, he said.

Pagano said the document speaks to "a different era," when law enforcement agencies were urged to aggressively combat drugs.

"In today's light, it would probably be blasted," he said. "I guess anyone can look at that document and realize it has a different perspective in light of the current controversy."

Attorney General Peter Verniero released a report April 20 acknowledging the existence of racial profiling. The report suggests a series of remedies, including establishment of a clear policy stating that race may not be considered by State Police in decisions about traffic stops.

Troopers are now likely less inclined to make drug arrests because they don't feel that state officials and the general public support them in light of the debate over racial profiling, Pagano said.

Assemblyman tells credit card companies to stop preying on youth

TRENTON — Seeking to discourage credit card, cellular phone and beeper companies from entrapping young people with enticing marketing schemes, Assembly Democratic Leader Wilfredo Caraballo has proposed legislation that would excise pre-21 year olds for any debts they may incur until they are financially independent.

"Credit card and other companies should not be in the business of marketing to groups that cannot afford the service," said Caraballo (D-Essex). "And if companies choose to market to dependent youth, then shame on them — kids should not be left footing the bill."

The bill (A-3087) would ensure that young people are not liable for debts they incur as a result of a credit card, cellular phone or beeper contract before age 21. The bill would only affect young people who do not have full time jobs and are being supported by their parents.

"It is tough being a college kid living away from home with very little money — and credit card companies know this. They give out free gifts and tell kids, 'look here's some instant money,'" said Caraballo. "What they do not tell these young people is there are consequences to incurring debt."

A survey conducted by the Public Interest Resource Group found that 69 percent of college students have their own credit cards. However, only 15 percent of these students have full-time jobs. And 28 percent of these students have used cash advances from their credit cards to pay their bills. As a parent, Caraballo said he and other parents have needed to rescue their children from this cycle of debt.

"Young adults often find themselves over their heads in debt," said Caraballo. "And it is the parents who are left bailing out their children."

"With the high cost of college tuition and the living expenses, parents cannot afford to pay off debt that was irresponsibly given to dependent youths."

Caraballo added that peer pressure can lead even the most responsible child down a road of debt.

"It seems like every young person is borrowing a beeper or a cellular phone," said Caraballo. "But companies should be running credit checks or verifying a young person's employment before they hand him or her these status symbols."

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Tribute to a Great Stateswoman



A Georgian by birth, Senator Wynona Lipman achieved her higher education at Talladega College and Atlanta University. She earned a Rockefeller Grant to study at Columbia University where she received a Doctorate of Philosophy, and was named a Fulbright Scholar to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. She held honorary Doctorates in Humane Letters and Laws from Kean, Bloomfield, Montclair State and Ramapo Colleges, and was an Associate Professor at Essex County College in the Division of Business.

Senator Lipman earned numerous awards and citations. She received a Human Rights Award from the State Division of Human Rights, and a Distinguished Service Award in State Government by the NAACP.

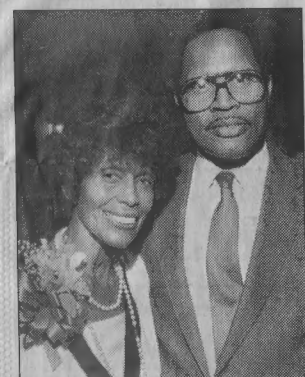
The Senator's awards include a "Senator of the Year" award by the New Jersey Division of the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks and an award from the American Association of Affirmative Action. She appeared in the 1983 edition of Who's Who Among American Women; was recognized as one of New Jersey's most powerful women by the New Jersey Monthly; was the Iron Bound Manufacturer's "Woman of the year" 1984, and was cited as an Art Pride Legislator of the Year in 1992.

Among the numerous awards made to the Senator are advocacy awards from the Essex-Newark Legal Services and from the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, a Service Award for Educational Leadership from Essex County College, and a citation from the New Jersey Commission On Sex Discrimination in the Statutes. The New Jersey Minority Brain Trust honored her by establishing the "Wynona M. Lipman Scholarship" at the Seton Hall Graduate School of Business.

She is a former Essex County Freeholder Director and has served on many National and State committees. She served on the Senate Human Services Committee, the Senate Budget committee and the Senate Family Services Committee, the Board of Overseers of the Governor's School and the New Jersey International Trade Commission, and previously as Chair of the Commission on Sex Discrimination in the Statutes. She was a former director of the Interracial Council of Business Opportunity, a life member of the National Council of Negro Women and of the Newark Branch of the NAACP; and coordinator of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus. Additionally, she was Senate Advisor to the New Jersey Council on the Arts, a board member of United Hospitals Medical Center, and a board member of WorldSHARE.

Senator Lipman was the mother of Karyne Anne, who graduated from Rutgers University Graduate School of Management in 1984. The Senator's son, William John, died at the age of 24, and is commemorated by scholarships at Seton Hall and the Newark Community School of the Arts.

Senator Lipman was the only woman to join the all-male Senate from 1978 to 1984.



Senator Wynona Lipman with Newark Mayor Sharpe James



Senator Lipman with (l-r) New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne and Georgia Congressman John Lewis



Senator Lipman with Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and deceased City News Columnist Connie Woodruff



Senator Lipman with BPU President Herb Tate



Senator Wynona Lipman with Chairman of the NAACP Julian Bond



Senator Lipman with Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins



Senator Lipman with Gustav Henningburg, president of Henningburg Associates



Senator Wynona Lipman along with (l-r) Former Virginia Governor Doug Wilder and Former East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper



Senator Wynona Lipman with Attorney Raymond Brown Sr.



Mrs. Lucinda Florio with Former Governor Jim Florio and Senator Wynona Lipman

RELIGION CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

PATERSON — New Christian Tabernacle Church Family will host a mortgage burning program at New Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ beginning at 4:30 p.m.

PLAINFIELD — The House of Prayer Church of God in Christ will hold a "Holy Ghost Conference" on the state of the black church beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 561-8686.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

NEW BRUNSWICK — The First Reformed Church and Central College presents a gospel concert featuring The Central College Choir beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 369-0439.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

NEWARK — The African Globe Theater Works presents the gospel play "The Colored Museum" at Newark Symphony Hall 8 p.m. (973) 824-1884.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

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Take responsibility for your life

By Juniors Ricardo Stanton

"The most worthwhile endeavor I have ever undertaken is responsibility for my own life. It's hard and worth it." — L.N. Burton

Each of us have an obligation to make of our lives the best that they can be. And, the most life affirming thing we can do is to think and believe we deserve the best that life has to offer. If the conditions needed to make our lives what we envision them to be do not exist, it is up to us to manifest them. Taking responsibility for one's own life is the most empowering activity a person can engage in.

We are creative beings, who have the power to "call forth things that be not as though they were," to envision and work to make the conditions and environment that we deem ideal a reality. We have faculties of imagination, will, discernment, locomotion and the ability to fashion a world of our choosing. If we desire health, prosperity, positive and loving friends, success and fulfillment, we can have them. Of course they won't come by mere dint of our imagination, they will only manifest in our lives when we are willing to commit the time, energy and effort to make them real.

Self-actualization is not magic, it requires thought, diligence and hard work. If you are dissatisfied with the quality of your life? Are you in a rut? Do you wish you were somewhere else doing something different? Are you in a toxic or unfulfilling relationship? Then take responsibility for your happiness, fulfillment and life.

How do you do it? By deciding that you deserve better and realizing, "If it is to be, it is up to me." What are your goals, what do you want out of life? A new job, your own business, mutually rewarding relationships, peace of mind?

What will it take to make your dreams and goals real? Dreams remain just that until we believe they are achievable, have the faith, take the initiative, and garner the support and assistance required to make them real.

If you are in a dead end job, one you know is going no where, you must do something differently to improve your lot. Enroll in a class, attend seminars, workshops and job fairs. Start reading the want ads, network, take training that will enhance your marketability or better prepare you to achieve your goals. Take some kind of concrete action that will improve your situation. If you are in a toxic or unsatisfying relationship, step back and examine the dynamics as objectively as possible. Look at what you have contributed to the situation both positively and negatively. Do not place blame either on yourself or your partner. Just evaluate the situation for what it is. Then ask yourself, "Can this relationship be salvaged?" If so, what needs to be done to improve it? If the answer is no, then your options are pretty clear. You have to determine a way to end it. If it can be revitalized ask yourself what will it take to accomplish that and decide what you are willing to do to make it happen? You must be willing to do something differently. There are many elements in any relationship, as in life over which we have no direct control. We have to accept that and if these elements are the determining factors in the overall quality of the relationship, job, partnership etc. we have to decide whether or not we wish to continue.

If we decide to sever the relationship, partnership or quit the job we can either do it abruptly or gradually after we have made preparations to find another job, return to school, relocate or distance ourselves psychologically and emotionally from the relationship. Whichever way we decide to do it, we must do something - we must act on our own behalf.

Indecision, procrastination, hesitancy and inaction maintains the status quo. Appropriate actions bring about change. During slavery and the period of penance following Reconstruction, many of our ancestors took the risk and made plans to leave, to go somewhere else rather than remain in dehumanizing, adverse or stifling conditions.

Our lives are important and have intrinsic value. Breaking old thought patterns is difficult but it must be done to become an empowered being. Challenging stereotypes, confronting and overcoming barriers, both self imposed and externally erected, is an arduous task, but it must be done if we are to manifest our genetic potential and possibilities.

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Archbishop Tutu urges embraces poor, and disadvantaged

By Rachel Zoll

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu told United Methodist leaders that the Bible commands people of faith to minister to society's outcasts.

In a speech to the church's Council of Bishops meeting in Chattanooga, Tutu said people were created in God's image and should act like God by embracing the poor and disadvantaged. "That is why injustice and

oppression are not just bad things. ... It is a spitting in the face of God," he said. "You are constrained, not by politics, you are constrained by faith."

Tutu, a Nobel laureate, argued God was biased "toward the sinner."

"In the family of God, there are no outsiders," he said. "Can we have the heart of God, a compassion that has no bounds, that embraces everyone?"

The nation's second-largest Protestant denomination, recently has seen several ministers conduct services blessing same-sex unions.

After the Rev. Jimmy Creech officiated at a Nebraska ceremony for two women, the denomination last year declared that a ban on performing same-sex commitment ceremonies was church law.

In his talk, Tutu named gays and lesbians among the groups who deserve compassion. Regarding U.S. race relations he said U.S. citizens need a safe environment and forum in which blacks can explain their experiences to whites and the rest of the nation.

Long time NJIT professor and educator Herman Estrin dies

NEWARK — Herman "Doc" Estrin, of Scotch Plains, N.J., an emeritus professor of English at New Jersey Institute of Technology and an educator for more than 60 years, died Friday, May 7, at the Westfield Center in Westfield, N.J., after a short illness. He was 83.

Born June 2, 1915, Estrin began his teaching career at the Grant School in South Plainfield, in 1938, and recently concluded 50 years of teaching at NJIT. He is a 1933 graduate of North Plainfield High School and a 1937 graduate of Drew University, where he received an honorary degree last year. He received his master's degree from Columbia University in 1942 and his doctorate from Columbia in 1954.

Dr. Estrin served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1942-1946, attaining the rank of captain.

Estrin joined NJIT, then Newark College of Engineering, as an instructor of English, in 1946. He touched

the lives of NCE and NJIT students for more than five decades. Until his retirement in 1981, he was advisor for almost every student publication at the university, including the school newspaper, yearbook literary magazine and technical magazine. He is author of "The Log," the student handbook.

"Dr. Estrin by a wide margin was the most asked for professor whenever I visited alumni groups throughout the nation and world," said NJIT President Saul K. Fenster. "Doc not only taught students how to write, he kindled an interest in the arts and communications. He was a wonderful teacher and friend to students. Doc will be missed by everyone at NJIT. His profound impact on the university."

For 30 years, the Estrin Scholarships have been given to NJIT students showing leadership in extracurricular activities.

He was the first recipient of NJIT's Robert Van Houten Excel-

lence in Teaching Award in 1970, and was given the 1971 Western Electric Fund Award for excellence in the instruction of engineering students, and the Distinguished Teaching Award by the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English.

Organizations such as the National Council of College Publication Advisors, which gave him the Distinguished Newspaper Advisor Award; the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which gave him the Gold Key Award; the New Jersey Scholastic Press Association; and the Wall Street Journal have recognized Estrin as an outstanding faculty advisor.

Estrin is survived by his wife, Pearl, and son, Robert, and daughter, Carl.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Estrin Scholarships through NJIT's Office of University Advancement, (973) 396-3400.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital holds a conference on osteoporosis at the hospital's conference center. 7 p.m. (201) 833-7100.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from Parkinson Disease at hospital court. 4:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

ELIZABETH — Elizabeth General Hospital offers a course in EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians). Call (908) 527-6523.

NORTH BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Dental Association holds a live public teleconference on dental care. For more information call (732) 821-9400.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

NEW BRUNSWICK — The American Heart Association offers free brain attack screenings at the New Brunswick location. Call (732) 821-2610 for time and information.

HUNTINGTON, N.Y. — American Diabetes Association holds a fund-raising hike ride at the UPS/Bellcore Park. Call (508) 786-9520 for time and information.

MONDAY, MAY 24

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for men suffering from prostate cancer at the New Jersey Cancer Institute. 7 p.m. (732) 235-6781.

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group for breast cancer survivors beginning at 8 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

NEWARK — Newark Beth Israel Hospital will hold "Senior Day" which will look at situations affecting senior as part of its Commemoration of Older Americans Month beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 922-7355.

GARWOOD — The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation will hold a fund-raising event at Crossroads Restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m. (908) 235-5699.

PLAINFIELD — Cedarbrook School presents the Literacy Health Fair inside the school's multi-purpose room beginning at 8:30 a.m. (908) 753-3269.

NEW YORK — The Underhill Center holds a discussion on preventing and clearing binge drinking in college students at the Open Society Institute. 4 p.m. (212) 548-0695.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center offers water exercise for seniors at the YMCA in Plainfield. 10:30 a.m. (908) 753-3506.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from manic depression at the hospital's auditorium. 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center offers live blood pressure screenings. 10 a.m. (908) 753-3506.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a special program on fertility for 12-year-old girls and their mothers at the hospital's conference center. 1:30 p.m. (732) 745-8528.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

NEW YORK — The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association sponsors a health care policy conference at the George Mason in Teaneck. Call (718) 830-3782 for time and information.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a six-week screening "fly" reading course at the hospital's rehabilitation department. 10 a.m. (201) 833-7186.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room. 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

IRVINGTON — The Township of Irvington sponsors a community-wide blood drive at the Servicer's Club. 11 a.m. (973) 599-6645.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

MORRISTOWN — The American Diabetes Association holds a fund-raising hike ride at the UPS/Bellcore Park. Call (508) 786-9520 for time and information.

Independent community pharmacists learn new strategies at symposium

EDISON — More than 10 independent community pharmacists from New York and New Jersey recently participated in a day-long symposium at the Sheraton Edison Hotel Raritan Center.

The Future is Now" theme was carried through the day-long program which introduced new business strategies for independent operators, as well as afforded them with an opportunity to earn continuing education credits through two professional sessions.

The event was sponsored by the Independent Pharmacy Alliance of America (IPAA) of Cranbury, a buying cooperative that provides group purchasing opportunities and other strategic business services to some 1,500 independent member pharmacies, and the LifeCare Nutrition Center.

According to Nicholas Minutolo, executive vice president of IPAA, "We put together an exciting day-long program which not only provided an opportunity for continuing education credits but introduced a new business strategy which provides independent pharmacists a systematic professional approach in moving from traditional pharmacy to an integrative one."

"We demonstrated to them that, with our help and support, how they can create a whole new wellness center in their pharmacies with a store-within-a-store concept," he states. "With ever-increasing pressure on pharmacies to manage care plans and competition from large chains, today's independents require more support and innovative strategies to compete within the market place. We



Nicholas Minutolo (left), executive vice president of the IPAA, moderates a panel discussion at the Raritan Center in Edison. Behind him are IPAA President John Giampolo and pharmacist Steve Laddy, a panelist. Minutolo Center concept as part of their overall presentation. Last year in the United States, sales for vitamins and dietary supplements topped \$51 billion.

New Web site covers new cancer treatments

Cancer patients can now access information about new cancer treatments through cancerTrials, the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) World Wide Web site. By visiting <http://cancerTrials.nci.nih.gov> cancer patients and their families, friends and doctors can learn about the most up-to-date cancer research, as well as current clinical trials to study new treatments at hundreds of medical institutions across the country.

Clinical trials are research studies that involve people. Their aim is to find better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat cancer, and they take place at hundreds of medical centers across the country. Clinical trials are the path to advance in medical research, and participants in cancer trials often have access to promising new treatments.

However, many African Americans are not benefiting from this research. Concerns about patient protections and lack of information about medical research, for example, are often barriers to participation in clinical trials. The cancerTrials Web site is designed to help remove these barriers.

Information on the cancerTrials Web site will enable cancer patients to consider promising treatment options that may be available through clinical trials, and to make informed decisions with their doctors and families," said Mary McCabe, director of the NCI's Office of Clinical Research Promotion. "Providing all segments of our society should have the opportunity to consider and decide about

participating in important cancer research."

The cancerTrials site will also answer important questions underlie patient apprehensions about participating in clinical trials. Visitors to cancerTrials will learn about:

- The importance of cancer research and how the clinical trials process works including the fact that in treatment trials, research studies involving people who have cancer, patients will either get the new treatment or the best treatment currently known for a cancer (placebos are very rarely used).

Protections for participants in clinical trials - including a process called informed consent that assures people will learn about a study's treatments and risks, before deciding whether or not to participate.

"There is no substitute for people going directly to sources of accurate information to dispel misconceptions about modern medical research," said McCabe. "The cancerTrials Web site individuals can also explore details of the process designed to protect patients and get help in identifying important questions to ask when considering participation in research."

The Web site is designed to be interactive and responsive. Users can join the site's e-mail notification service to learn about new and upcoming information about clinical trials.

The medical, health, community and other organizations are encouraged to link their Web sites with cancerTrials.

State puts the first asthma resource site on the Web

TRENTON — Specialty-trained volunteer health promoters will begin meeting with community groups in three New Jersey cities this week to raise awareness of asthma prevalence and treatment among minority populations.

The health promoters plan to give more than 150 presentations during May and June in Newark, New Brunswick and Trenton.

The presentations are part of a demonstration project funded by a \$300,000 grant from the federal Office of Minority Health. Asthma was the primary diagnosis for 12 percent of African American and 7 percent of Hispanic children (1-14 years old) hospitalized in New Jersey in 1997. Nationally, although African Americans represent about 1 percent of the population, they represent 22 percent of deaths due to asthma.

"This training will give basic and up-to-date information on asthma at the community level by members of those communities who have volunteered in the three cities, as well as contacts for state and national advocacy organizations. The directory is available on the department's Web site, www.state.nj.us/health."

In these three cities, nearly 3,000 individuals are hospitalized each year due to asthma," said Acting Health and Senior Services Commissioner Christine Grant. "The education and treatment regimen discussed in these sessions will help prevent unnecessary suffering and hospitalizations."

Asthma is a chronic and serious lung condition that makes breathing difficult. Asthmatic triggers, such as cigarette smoke, pollen or dust, cause a person's airways to become irritable or narrow and lungs to become inflamed or swollen and sensitive. There is no cure for asthma. However, both long-term control and quick

relief medications are available and effective.

"While this disease affects people of all races and ethnic groups, minorities suffer disproportionately," said Linda Holmes, director of the state Office of Minority Health. Asthma was the primary diagnosis for 12 percent of African American and 7 percent of Hispanic children (1-14 years old) hospitalized in New Jersey in 1997. Nationally, although African Americans represent about 1 percent of the population, they represent 22 percent of deaths due to asthma.

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In total, 21 local volunteers will provide the training. During each session, they will define asthma and describe the warnings signs of an asthma attack, help participants understand the role of medications and the importance of sticking to a treatment plan, and discuss patient fears and misconceptions about the disease and its medications.

The training program was designed by the department's Minority Health Network on Asthma, which began meeting last December. The network is comprised of faith-based and other community leaders, health care providers, patient advocates and representatives of national organizations concerned about asthma among minority populations. The network is currently evaluating the educational, health care and support needs of persons with asthma and will make recommendations to the department this summer on strengthening the asthma services delivery system in New Jersey.

Community groups in Newark, New Brunswick and Trenton wishing to schedule a presentation on asthma can call the New Jersey Office of Minority Health at (609) 292-0662.

The American Cancer Society helps teens kick nicotine habit

FREEHOLD — The Monmouth County Freeholders have agreed to become partners with the Wall Township-based American Cancer Society of New Jersey (ACS) in the Fresh Start program, designed to assist teenagers to quit smoking.

Monmouth County is reportedly the first county in the state to become a partner in the fight against teen smoking.

The Freeholders joined the program at the urging of Freeholder Amy H. Handlin, who also serves as chair of the Monmouth County Tobacco Coalition. The coalition includes representatives of the ACS and Substance Abuse Resources.

"Despite an ever growing awareness of the dangers of tobacco, today 4.5 million children between the ages of 12 and 17 are current smokers," Dr. Handlin said.

The Freeholders, who is an associate professor at Monmouth University, said that more than 35 percent of high school seniors are smokers, with 88 percent of them smoking the three most advertised brands of cigarettes.

"Studies have found that the use of tobacco begins during the formative teenage years when children are most susceptible to the allure of tobacco advertising," she said.

"The American Cancer Society has developed a program called 'Commit To Quit,' to assist and support young people, who are currently 'hooked' on cigarettes, to kick the habit," Handlin said.

The Commit To Quit program also focuses on the non-smoker as well, supporting them in their decision not to smoke and assisting them in understanding the plights of smokers.

"I am pleased that my fellow Freeholders chose to become partners with the American Cancer Society in the Fresh Start program," she said. "Hopefully, through the assistance of county government we will be able to measure youngsters who take advantage of the County Parks System, the various County Libraries, Brookdale Community College, the County Vocational Schools, and through the County Superintendent of Schools, the children in our elementary and secondary schools."

"We must also impress upon merchants their obligation to comply with the law regarding the sale of tobacco products to underage children," Handlin emphasized.

"Part of the Commit to Quit program will focus on strengthening local ordinances banning the sale of cigarettes to teenagers," she said. This summer, teenagers will distribute packets to merchants containing information on state and federal laws regarding the sale of tobacco products to minors. Merchants will be asked to sign a pledge affirming their commitment not to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18. Merchants who participate will be honored by being named "Heroes of Monmouth County."

The county will pay for the printed materials to be used in the campaign and distribute them county-wide.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19

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FRIDAY, MAY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the Mark Morris Dance Group beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 246-7489

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center presents jazz series for young people entitled "What is Hot" at the Apollo Theater beginning at 10:30 a.m. (212) 875-5093

SATURDAY, MAY 22

NEW BRUNSWICK — Men of the Nile will perform all their hits at The Crossroads Theater 10 p.m. (732) 249-5766

THURSDAY, MAY 27

SHORT HILLS — The East Orange Golf Course presents jazz singer Jackie Jones beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 679-1075

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the award-winning musical "Smoochy Joe's Cafe" beginning at 7:30 p.m. (1-888) GO-NJ-PAC

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

NEWARK — The Fashion Dome presents "The Dome After Dark" International Fashion Show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 242-0444

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

NEW YORK — Show Fire Media presents "Shore Line Ramo" at Carnegie Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 247-7800

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

NEW YORK — The Port Authority Cultural Department presents a salsa dance party at the Astor, Tilden Plaza at the World Trade Center beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 435-4170

Brokedown Palace

LOS ANGELES — Fox 2000 Pictures presents Claire Daines, Kate Beckinsale, Lou Diamond Phillips, Jacqueline Kim and Bill Pullman in Brokedown Palace.

The film directed by Jonathan Kaplan promises to be a liberating adventure. Alice (Claire Daines), a wild, living-on-the-edge teenager celebrates her high school graduation, she and her best friend Darlene (Kate Beckinsale) have decided to treat themselves to a trip to exotic Bangkok (Las Vegas with-out parents and laws).

Under the magical and golden Thai land sun, Alice and Darlene have the time of their lives. But things begin to change after they meet a seductive and handsome Australian, Nick Parks (Daniel Lapaine). Both girls are smitten with Nick, who eventually asks Darlene to spend the night with him — much to the surprise of the more outgoing Alice, who must fight growing feelings of love for Nick and the resentment and anger about Nick's friend's romantic conquest.

When Nick proposes a quick side trip to Hong Kong, Darlene convinces Alice to come along. Nick's real plan, however, are anything but romantic: He's using

Alice and Darlene in an insidious heroin-smuggling scheme. At the Bangkok airport, the two girls are shocked



Claire Daines and Kate Beckinsale play two American girls whose dream vacation turns into a nightmare when they are imprisoned in a Thai jail.

intensifies during their first year of a 33-year sentence — in a hideous "Brokedown Palace." As their despair grows, they are given one last bit of hope — "Yankee Hank" (Bill Pullman), an expatriate American lawyer. But Alice, who has always been the more reckless and irresponsible of the two, eventually realizes that their salvation can only come from sacrifice... and she realizes how far she'll go to save her friend.

NEW YORK — Their moves can whisper or shout, and can take you through a spectrum of emotions, they are seductive, sensual and upbeat, they are La Santa Luz, a new dance company that represents the true embodiment of versatility and creativity.

Performing on Broadway at the Broadway Center, La Santa Luz is a San Antonio, Texas-based dance company known for their innovative and unorthodox mixtures of music and dance. Characterized by their bold and uninhibited spirit they effectively combine elements of African and Latin dance, jazz, ballet, tap, flamenco and even sign language to create an intimate style of dance never before seen.

Founded by Artistic Director Anthony Rodriguez, La Santa Luz (which means holy light) began as a group of eight that quickly grew to the ensemble of twenty it is today. They performed at a private party hosted by Madonna for Ingrid Casares at the Kit Kat Klub, Fiesta Paski at the Grand Hyatt, Madison Square Garden with Marc Anthony and Tito Puente, the Jacob Javits Center's Hispanic Expo, Life Beat AIDS benefit at the Lincoln Center Summer Fest, and various fundraising and charity events throughout New York City.

On Monday May 24th at 8 p.m. La Santa Luz Dance Company will be performing on Broadway at the Henry Miller Theater in the Kit Kat Klub, former home of Cabaret. They are one of the very few dance companies performing on Broadway, a place usually reserved for plays and musicals.



Songwriter and poet Jack Knight releases new CD

NEW YORK — "It's about being creative and being free," exclaims songwriter and producer Jack Knight. Maybe new to your ears but a growing veteran to the music industry, 24-year-old Knight has written for Monifah, Blackstreet, Inajin, Total and Chico DeBarge.

The New York City native has produced a spiritual, sexual and unique

flavor that let's you into his soul. "When I was writing, it was a real challenge for me to put my soul, my feelings and my opinions out there for peoples' ed play," stated Knight. Forging past the untimely death of his mother, and a few unsuccessful relationships Knight has put his blues out for the world. He was the sole producer of his

debut album Gypsy Blues. Citing influences such as Jimi Hendrix, Prince, Curtis Mayfield and Sly and the Family Stone, Jack Knight has embraced a hybrid of sound that enhances the fury of rock, the introspection of folk, funk's cosmic soul and the late night flow of R&B. "The music on my album isn't something I had to go and concoct," he explains. "This is the music my grandparents and my mother played for me. And when I got into the studio, I hear a guitar lick and it all came back to me. In a kinda spooky way, but a real natural way as well."

Nearly ten years ago Knight started off as a rapper and after an inspirational visit with Teddy Riley he knew it was time to take his career to another level. "As a result of visiting his studio I saw that more people needed songs as opposed to artists," said Knight. This led him to do work with Chico DeBarge, writing the song "Virgin," which he described as one of his favorites. "Chico is a multi-instrumentalist," said Knight. "It was great collaborating with a person that I wanted to be like."

He was born and raised in East New York, Brooklyn (the now lives in Virginia) by his mother and then his grandparents. In 1995 his mother passed away, leaving her only son distraught and confused. "I spent most of my time just soul searching," Jack recalls. "I was broke. I had spent my advance from the record deal paying for my mother's funeral and taking care of her. So, I was just in the house, alone, with no instruments. Just a pen and a paper to channel my problems." He spent much of the year seeking spiritual guidance, talking with old friends and mentors and writing down everything that he could dredge up from the well of his misery and mourning.



Jack Knight

By late 1996, Jack was able to make music again. He saved up some money, entered the studio and recorded demos, in hopes of selling himself as a songwriter rather than as an artist. By mid-1997, publishing offers were rolling in including one from Sean "Puffy" Combs and Bad Boy Publishing. Combs provided him with the much needed discipline that it took to write and produce his own album, "Gypsy Blues." "Bad Boy has been kind of a bootcamp for me writing songs and being on deadlines."

Soon after he inked a publishing deal with Bad Boy, Universal Records approached him and told him that whenever he was ready to step out into the spotlight, he had a deal waiting. As Jack Knight said he wants listeners to take from Gypsy Blues and he's thoughtful, "I want people to see that some of us young cats have a sense of creativity, and that we can create soul songs... songs of hope and faith. We have the same quality that I grew up loving." On Gypsy Blues, Jack's nation is accomplished.

Newark welcomes 'The Universoul Circus to town'

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James, Newark Schools, community and local leaders in Newark to welcome the Universoul Circus, the only African American owned circus in the world.

During the press conference, Mayor James and Newark will welcome Ringmaster Cal Dwyer and Circus Founder Cedric Walker to Newark, a day before their May 14-23 performance. Students from all ages will be treated to a highlighted sneak preview of the circus by the King Charles troupe of the Bronx, who, who will rock the auditorium with their unicycles, and the Kenyan Black Wizards who will perform several dare devil stunts.

Circus corporate sponsor representatives from Burger King Corporation, Ford Division, and General Mills, will also be on hand to promote the event.

Mayor James said, "This African American Parade of Stars will touch the lives of many youngsters and their families. I encourage all Newark area residents to enjoy this once in a lifetime experience of witnessing the acts and performances by the only African American Circus."

Performances of the circus will take place at the old Columbus Homes site adjacent to Route 280 from May 14-23, 1999.



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Denzel Washington stars in AHN movie of the month 'The Mighty Quinn'

NEW YORK — The African Heritage Network (AHN) "Movie of the Month" series hosted by film legends, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, broadcasts "The Mighty Quinn," a spy thriller with reggae, romance and action. "The Mighty Quinn" airs on May 25 WABC-TV at 1:35 a.m.

"The Mighty Quinn" is a terrific movie, one of my favorites. It's great to see Robert Townsend and Denzel Washington working together in this spy thriller," said Ossie Davis.

A contemporary suspense story, "The Mighty Quinn" stars America's heart-throb Denzel Washington (Academy Award-winner) as Xavier Quinn, a police chief on a small remote Caribbean island, a peaceful place where resorts sit high on the cliffs above the sea, and tourists sip their daiquiris and pina-colodas.

Everyone's peace is shattered, when Quinn discovers the brutal murder of a wealthy businessman named Donald Pater, and the prime suspect is Maubee (Robert Townsend), Quinn's boyhood friend. While Quinn tries to talk with Maubee to discuss his whereabouts during the murder to clear his name, Maubee only eludes him in a frustrating game of hide and seek. To the islanders, Maubee is a crazy, hometown hero who is innocent of all charges of murder.



der. They truly believe he would have never committed such a crime, especially since he is a lazy rebel, loved by the women and envied by the men. In the process of solving the murder and finding the true culprit, Quinn is torn between friendship and the responsibilities of his new job. It's no wonder Quinn's country men refers to him as "The Mighty Quinn."

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PUBLIC HEARING

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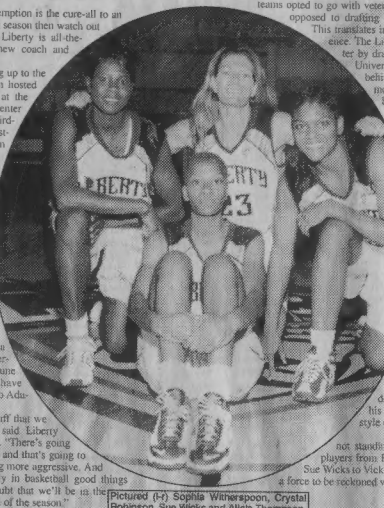
By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — If redemption is the cure-all to an abrupt ending of a winning season then watch out WNBA — the New York Liberty is all the way-live, armed with a new coach and ready to play.

The team, leading up to the kick-off of its third season hosted media day last Thursday at the Island Garden Basketball Center in Hempstead, L.I. A third-place bid in last year's Eastern Conference, the team looked rejuvenated boasting a new sense of freedom — to run and gun — under the leadership of head coach Richie Adubato, who comes to the Liberty with mad NBA coaching experience. A New Jersey native, Adubato has been the head coach for the Detroit Pistons, Dallas Mavericks and Orlando Magic, and he was the assistant coach in the mid-'80s for the New York Knicks.

The players, with a few team practices under their belts before the June 10th season opener, have responded with open arms to Adubato's style of play.

"Our coaching staff that we have this year is great," said Liberty guard Coquese Washington. "There's going to be an increased intensity and that's going to translate into our team being more aggressive. And when you play aggressively in basketball good things tend to happen. I don't doubt that we'll be in the championship come the end of the season."



Pictured (r): Sophia Winterspoon, Crystal Robinson, Sue Wicks and Alicia Thompson.

Hype talk, but what remains to be seen is this: can the Liberty hang with the competition? With the demise of the ABL, many WNBA teams opted to go with veteran players from the defunct ABL, as opposed to drafting college players in this year's draft.

This translates into team depth with limited experience. The Liberty, instead, added youth to its roster by drafting Michele Van Gorp from Duke University, who'll play at the center spot behind Kyra Hampton, Tanika White, more, who will give the Liberty some breathing room at the forward position, hails from the University of Memphis.

Team captain, Teresa Watherspoon, the driving force of her team believes this way the team (18-12) went out last season — not to even make the play-offs losing to the Detroit Shock 82-68, is not indicative of what this New York Liberty team is about.

"This team is going to be ready," said Watherspoon, affectionately known as T-Spoon. "The talent of this team, we have a very quick team and I think what Richie wants to bring in is a little up-tempo style basketball where we're pressing making people work full-court and get some easy baskets, and that's the one thing that we really need. It's going to be a lot of freedom to release all your talent. That's his style of basketball and that's the style of basketball we're going to play."

These you have it, the Liberty are not standing in shaking ground. The veteran players from Rebecca Lobo, Sophia Winterspoon, Sue Wicks to Vickie Johnson, who emerged last year as a force to be reckoned with, all are ready to rumble.

All Photos by Pablo Tinio



Coquese Washington



Head Coach Richie Adubato



Teresa Watherspoon



Vickie Johnson

Meadowlands out

NEWARK in!!!

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

If you've been following the New Jersey Nets during its 30 year existence, one word comes to mind — Mickey Mouse. An organization hooked on a step-child to the New York Knicks. A team that hasn't seen playing glory since the ABA days when it was the New York Nets. A team that plays in one of the worst and least accessible venues in the country. So what to do? How about build an arena in the state's largest city (Newark) and escape the scene of the swamp. Good idea!

The Nets have finally decided to get with the times and leave the house that "Jimmy Hoffa" built and move to downtown Newark. The Nets, along with Governor Christie "come what for the people" Whitman, have agreed to move the team to the "Renaissance City." The deal would house not only the Nets, but possibly the New Jersey Devils and other professional teams by the year 2003.

No location has been set, but more than likely the arena will be easy too get to by train. The news couldn't be better for the Nets coming off one of its worst seasons to date in this strike shortened year. They fired coach John Calipari, lost all-star forward Jayson Williams to a foot injury and didn't make the playoffs, for the second time under Calipari's leadership. "This is a

great day for Newark and a great day for New Jersey," said Keith Kingston, a lifelong Nets fan who anticipates the new building. "Now I won't have to drive 45 minutes to Meadowlands to see them, only 11. I can't wait."

Throughout history, sports franchises have always tried to find ways to increase their fan base. From give-aways to meeting with athletes, organizations want to make sure fans get what they pay for. But it seems now that building a state-of-the-art facility is the way to go.

Canden Yards in Baltimore, Jacob's Field in Cleveland, Air Canada Center in Toronto, Canada, are just some of the examples of what fans want at a sporting event.

Each building sells out every game and offers a little of this and that to the fan. The Nets see this move as a way of creating new energy. About time! "When a team moves to a new venue, you get excitement that is unquestionable," says Jack Klingman, of BBDO Ad Agency. "This not only helps the team, but the community. The money Newark will make will be enormous."

The Nets are a team with potential and promise. After years of being in the shadow of the Knicks and playing in an area too far to reach, it's their time to shine as New Jersey's pro basketball team.

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Professional baseball returns to Newark

By Gregory Moore
Sports Editor

The City of Newark is enjoying a renaissance of sorts. From the erection of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, to the recently announced plan to relocate the Nets to downtown Newark, "Black City" is indeed experiencing a rebirth. In terms of its professional sports history, minor league baseball in Newark is also enjoying a rebirth. On Monday, May 10th, the Newark Bears played their first home game in the state of New Jersey in over 50 years when they defeated the Somerset Patriots 4-3 at Skyland Park in Augusta.

The Bears franchise, once one of the most successful minor league clubs of their era, is steeped in tradition. Purchased in 1931 by then New York Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert, the Bears served as a farm club for the Yankees during the 1930s and 40s. During this period, the Bears helped supply Yankee world championship teams with former Bears players such as Yogi Berra, Joe Gordon and Charlie "King Kong" Keller. The 1937 Bears squad, recognized by Baseball America magazine as the greatest minor league team of all-time, represented a seminal season in Bears history. That year, the Bears carved out an impressive 109-43 record, finished the season 25 1/2 games ahead of the second place team, and captured the Little World Series by defeating the Columbus Red Birds four games to three after losing the first three games of that series.

In 1949, the Bears left the Newark area after the Yankees sold the franchise to the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs later severed ties to the soon to be defunct Bears. Last year the Bears resurfaced in the newly formed Atlantic League under the ownership of former Yankee catcher Rick Cerone.

This season the Bears are off to a solid start, splitting their first four



games of the year for a 4-2 record. On July 16 the Bears will abandon their temporary digs at Skyland Park and play their remaining home games at the cozy \$30 million, 6,000 seat Riverfront Park in downtown Newark. Bears manager Tom O'Malley expects to field a competitive team and anticipates the Bears making some noise in the Atlantic League this year. "I don't think we're where we want to be right now, but our guys are playing hard and (are) starting to come together. We hope that fans come out and support us as we await our new park in Newark."

The Bears will be paced by former major leaguers Hensley "Barn Burn" Mueller, who was a member of the 1991 Yankees and Ryan Long, a former member of the Kansas City Royals. Mueller, and outfielder who can hit for both power and average, is a former class A all-star who was named player of the year by "Baseball America" magazine in 1987 after batting .300 and smacking 28 home runs for the Yankees Prince William Carolina League affiliate. Long, an outfielder, spent eight years in the Royals organization, appeared in six All-Star games with the Royals in 1997, hitting .222. Other players expected to play a prominent role are pitchers Jeff Huber and Mike Zimmerman, and first baseman Greg Robertson who hit .320 last year for the Bears in 59 games.

Throughout the year Bears games can be heard on WSOJ radio (99.5 FM on the dial) which will carry 106 games live. For ticket information, contact the Newark Bears at 973-483-6900.

New York Liberty season schedule

Date	Opponent	Eastern Time TV	
May			
Sat. 22	Houston	4:00 p.m.	PRESEASON
Wed. 26	at Houston	8:30 p.m.	PRESEASON
June			
Thurs. 10	Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	
Sat. 12	at Charlotte	7:30 p.m.	
Mon. 14	Washington	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Fri. 18	Los Angeles	7:00 p.m.	LIFETIME
Sun. 20	Detroit	4:00 p.m.	MSG
Fri. 25	Orlando	7:30 p.m.	
Sun. 27	Charlotte	4:00 p.m.	FSNY
Mon. 28	at Detroit	7:30 p.m.	
July			
Thurs. 1	Phoenix	7:30 p.m.	MSG
Sat. 3	at Houston	2:00 p.m.	NBC
Mon. 5	Sacramento	7:30 p.m.	
Tues. 6	at Washington	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Thurs. 8	at Cleveland	7:00 p.m.	MSG
Sun. 11	Minnesota	4:00 p.m.	FSNY
Wed. 14	All Star Game	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sat. 17	at Minnesota	3:30 p.m.	
Sun. 18	Utah	4:00 p.m.	MSG
Thurs. 22	at Sacramento	10:00 p.m.	MSG
Sat. 24	at Los Angeles	4:00 p.m.	NBC
Mon. 26	Charlotte	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Thurs. 29	at Orlando	7:30 p.m.	MSG
Fri. 30	at Charlotte	7:30 p.m.	
August			
Sun. 1	Orlando	4:00 p.m.	MSG
Tues. 3	at Utah	9:00 p.m.	
Fri. 6	at Phoenix	9:00 p.m.	LIFETIME
Sun. 8	Houston	4:00 p.m.	NBC
Mon. 9	at Orlando	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Wed. 11	at Washington	7:00 p.m.	MSG
Fri. 13	at Detroit	8:00 p.m.	LIFETIME
Sun. 15	Detroit	4:00 p.m.	MSG
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